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REF: (A) O'LOUGHLIN LETTER TO BAKKER (INO-2-05.05 O:IO:F)

(B) MARIN LETTER TO ALLSHOUSE, 5/23/75

(C) STATE 122926

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FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONNAIRE TRANSMITTED TO
NETH CUSTOMS UNDER REF (A):(SOME QUESTIONS APPEAR NOT TO
HAVE BEEN UNDERSTOOD)

1. YES.
2. YES.
3. YES. NORMAL CONTROL, HOWEVER, IS DONE BY THE
POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH SERVICE (PTT); THE CUSTOMS CONTROLS PTT
BY MAKING SPOT-CHECKS.
4. NO.
5. IDENTIFICATION CAN BE DONE AT THE LABORATORY OF
THE FINANCE MINISTRY IN AMSTERDAM AND AT THE JUDICIAL
LABORATORY IN RIJSWIJK.
6. NO, BUT IT IS BEING STUDIED.
7. THE FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD IS NOT RESERVED TO OFFICERS
WITH CERTAIN TITLES.
8. THE DUTCH CUSTOMS NUMBERS SOME 5,000 OFFICERS.

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9. ALL CUSTOMS STATIONS IN PORTS, AT AIRPORTS, BORDERS

AND WITHIN THE COUNTRY.

10. THE CUSTOMS IS THE ONLY GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN THE NETHERLANDS WHICH HAS A GENERAL SEARCH AUTHORITY, NATURALLY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AND THIS DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO DEPEND ON A (SERIOUS) SUSPICION OF A OFFENSE.

11. NO NORMS HAVE BEEN FIXED FOR THIS; DEPENDS ON VARIOUS FACTORS.

12. A. YES, PROVIDED THAT IT IS A MATTER OF A OFFENSE.

B. YES

13 AND 14. THE CUSTOMS OFFICERS EXCLUSIVELY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DETAIN SMUGGLERS, TO ARREST AND-IN SOME CASES-TO BRING THEM UP BEFORE THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR OR BEFORE ONE OF HIS ASSISTANT OFFICERS. SOME OFFICERS OF THE FISCAL INFORMATION AND INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT ARE ALSO ASSISTANT OFFICERS OF JUSTICE.

15. NO, YET OFFICERS OF THE FISCAL INFORMATION AND INVESTIGATION SERVICE DO.

16. THE CUSTOMS OFFICERS MAY CARRY FIREARMS ONLY IN CERTAIN CASES AND MAY USE THEM ONLY IN CASE OF NECESSARY SELF-DEFENSE BUT NOT TO STOP SMUGGLERS.

17. A. RARELY.

B. YES.

C. YES.

18. A. YES.

B. YES.

C. THE DUTCH CUSTOMS DO NOT HAVE ANY AIRCRAFT.

D. YES

19. YES.

20. YES.

21. YES.

22. YES.

23. TO A LIMITED EXTENT.

24. YES. ABOUT TEN PERCENT.

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